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TO: New England Grower Associations, Farm Editors, Broadcasters,
and Others

SUBJECT: Upcoming USDA Surveys

USDA will be conducting nationwide studies of the agricultural community during the next few months. Details of these surveys are enclosed and scheduled as follows:

Survey Name	Sample Size (approx.)	Data Collection Period	Publication Date
March Agricultural Survey	1,700	Feb 28 - Mar 14	March 31, 2003
Maple Syrup Production	2,500	April - May	June 11, 2003

We depend on the voluntary cooperation of farmers and other agricultural producers. Although some may feel that their operation is too small to be included in these surveys, operations of all sizes (both full and part-time) are necessary to obtain an accurate picture of New England agriculture.

Please help us inform New England farmers about the importance of these upcoming surveys in your meetings, publications, or broadcasts. A good response will ensure that New England is fully and properly represented in the official USDA statistics of American agriculture. I have enclosed press releases that you are invited to use. For further information, please contact the statistician mentioned on each enclosure or give me a call at 1-800-642-9571.

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Enclosures